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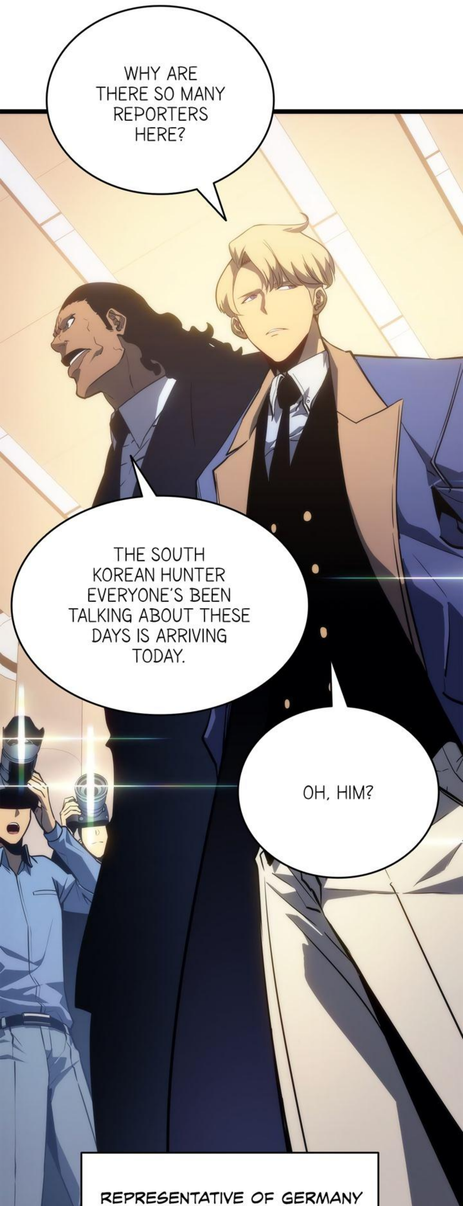
WHY ARE THERE SO MANY REPORTERS HERE?
THE SOUTH KOREAN HUNTER EVERYONE'S BEEN TALKING ABOUT THESE DAYS IS ARRIVING TODAY.
OH, HIM?

REPRESENTATIVE OF GERMANY
〈RICHTER GUILD〉
LENNART NIERMANN

AH, SPEAK OF THE DEVIL. THERE HE IS.
HOW ABOUT WE GO OVER AND INTRODUCE OURSELVES?
THERE'S NO HARM IN GETTING ACQUAINTED WITH A POWERFUL HUNTER.

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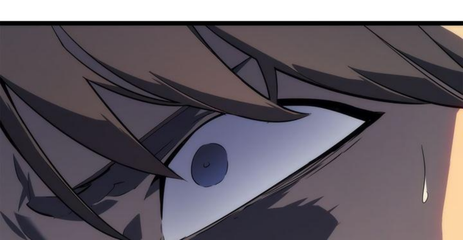
HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR MIND?
YOU... YOU DON'T SEE THAT?
SEE WHAT?



HE DOESN'T SUMMON SHADOWS FROM ANOTHER DIMENSION...
HE BRINGS THEM ALONG WITH HIM!
HE COULD WAGE WAR AGAINST THE UNITED STATES WITH AN ARMY OF THAT SIZE...

SEE SOMEONE YOU KNOW, SIR?
NO, IT'S JUST... SOME FOREIGNER WAS STARING AT ME.
WELL, SINCE YOU'VE BEEN ALL OVER THE NEWS, YOU'VE PROBABLY GOT LOADS OF FANS NOW.
I GUESS THEY WANTED YOUR AUTOGRAPH.

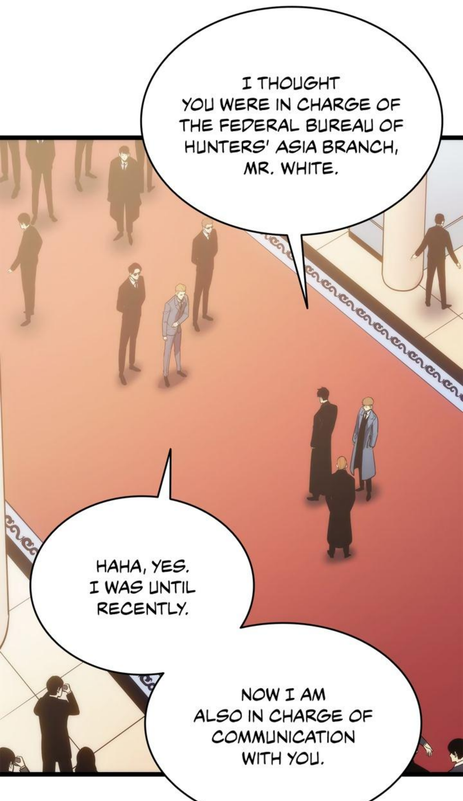
BY THE WAY, WHY ARE YOU HERE, MR. WOO?
KHOFF

I'M HERE AS MR. SUNG'S... BODYGUARD.

AS HIS...
BODYGUARD...

A BODYGUARD?
FOR WHO?

WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU, MR. SUNG.


I THOUGHT YOU WERE IN CHARGE OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF HUNTERS' ASIA BRANCH, MR. WHITE.
HAHA, YES. I WAS UNTIL RECENTLY.
NOW I AM ALSO IN CHARGE OF COMMUNICATION WITH YOU.

THE REST OF YOUR PARTY WILL BE ESCORTED TO THE HOTEL FIRST.
GO WITH MR. WOO, JINHO.
ALL RIGHT.

AS FOR YOU, MR. SUNG... COULD YOU PLEASE COME WITH US?

IS THIS ABOUT MY FATHER?

I ASSURE YOU, YOU WON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO LOSE.
AFTER ALL, I'VE ALREADY MADE THE FEDERAL BUREAU'S OPINION OF YOU QUITE CLEAR.

YES, SOME OF THE INFORMATION I'M ABOUT TO SHARE IS TOP SECRET.

WHERE ARE WE HEADED?

THE FEDERAL BUREAU?

TO BE COMPLETELY HONEST, WE ARE CURRENTLY IN A STATE OF EMERGENCY.
A HUGE PART OF AMERICA'S MILITARY STRENGTH DEPENDED ON CHRISTOPHER REED. NOW THAT HE'S PASSED AWAY,
WE ARE IN DIRE NEED OF REINFORCEMENTS.

THINGS ARE QUIET FOR THE TIME BEING BECAUSE HIS DEATH HASN'T BEEN MADE PUBLIC YET,
BUT SOON, WE'LL HAVE TO DO EVERYTHING IN OUR POWER TO RECRUIT A HUNTER WHO CAN FILL HIS VOID.

AM I ONE OF YOUR CANDIDATES?
NOD

AS YOU ALREADY KNOW,
THE VALUE OF A RUNE STONE IS PROPORTIONAL TO THE STRENGTH OF THE BEAST FROM WHICH IT WAS OBTAINED.
SECRET FILE
BEEP

THE MOST CATASTROPHIC EVENT IN HUMAN HISTORY AND A RAID EVERYONE WANTS TO ERASE FROM MEMORY INVOLVED...

...THE DRAGON, KAMISH.

WE ARE CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR THE RIGHTFUL OWNER...

...OF THE RUNE STONE THAT WAS EXTRACTED FROM THAT DRAGON.

SO WHAT DO YOU THINK...
...OF OUR NEW OFFER?
...THAT PHOTO.
GO BACK A SLIDE.
PARDON?
I WANT TO TAKE A LOOK AT THE PREVIOUS PHOTO.

ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT THE PHOTO OF KAMISH'S CORPSE?

HAS THE U.S. BEEN PRESERVING KAMISH'S CORPSE?
Y...YES, BUT...

WHERE IS IT BEING KEPT? LET'S GO THERE FIRST.
I'M SORRY?

I WILLINGLY SPARED SOME TIME FOR THE BUREAU,

SO I DON'T THINK THIS IS TOO MUCH TO ASK.

I HAVE NO IDEA WHERE THE CORPSE IS BEING KEPT, MR. SUNG.

I'M ONLY ALLOWED ACCESS TO INFO THAT'S BEEN AUTHORIZED BY MY SUPERIORS.

BUT... I'M SURE THEY'LL BE HAPPY TO OBLIGE IF THEY HEAR THAT YOU'RE MAKING THE REQUEST.
DO YOU MIND WAITING HERE WHILE I GO GIVE THEM A BRIEFING?
WELL, IF I HAVE TO WAIT, I MIGHT AS WELL JUST GO WITH YOU.

SO MR. SUNG IS HERE RIGHT NOW?

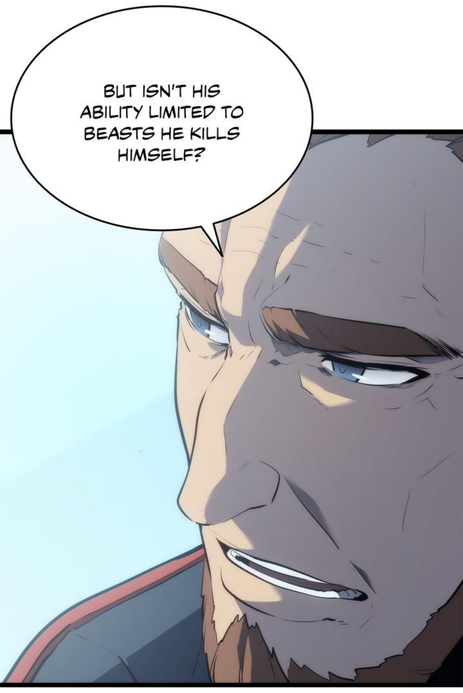
WHAT ABOUT THE RUNE STONE? DID HE SAY ANYTHING ABOUT THE RUNE STONE?
NO, SIR. HE BARELY MENTIONED IT ON THE RIDE OVER.

HMM...
THEN ALL HE REALLY WANTS IS TO SEE THE CORPSE, HUH?

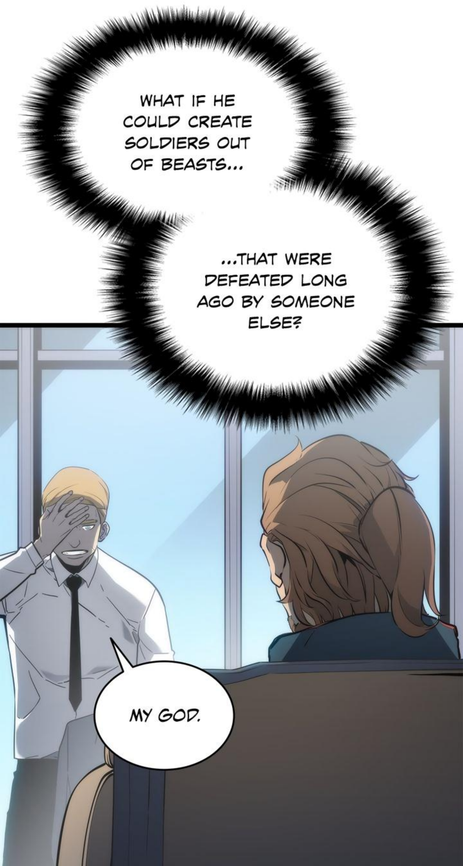
I'LL HAVE TO DISCUSS THIS WITH MR. CONNER. WAIT OUTSIDE.
YES, SIR.

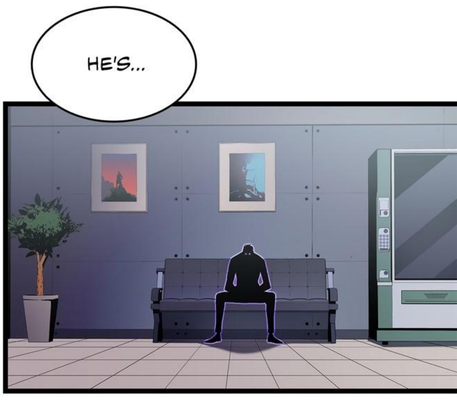
WHY DO YOU THINK HE WANTS TO SEE KAMISH'S CORPSE?
YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS MINE, SIR... BUT ONE THING'S FOR SURE. HE'S NOT HERE TO DO SOME SIGHTSEEING.

THE VALUE OF A SKILL IS IMMEASURABLE.
HIGH-RANKING HUNTERS ARE WILLING TO SPEND LARGE SUMS OF MONEY TO PURCHASE RUNE STONES.
SKILLS GIVE HUNTERS POWER, AND THEIR SURVIVAL DEPENDS ON THEIR LEVEL OF POWER...
WHICH MEANS GETTING A CHANCE TO LOOK AT THE CORPSE MIGHT BE OF GREATER BENEFIT TO HIM THAN OBTAINING A NEW SKILL.


BUT ISN'T HIS ABILITY LIMITED TO BEASTS HE KILLS HIMSELF?

WAIT...!


WHAT IF HE COULD CREATE SOLDIERS OUT OF BEASTS...
...THAT WERE DEFEATED LONG AGO BY SOMEONE ELSE?
MY GOD.


HE'S...

HE'S PLANNING ON TURNING KAMISH INTO ONE OF HIS SUMMONED EASTS!

WHAT...?! IF THAT'S TRUE, THEN WE MUST STOP HIM AT ALL COSTS.

A SINGLE INDIVIDUAL SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO WIELD THAT MUCH POWER!

BUT... IF WE TURN DOWN HIS REQUEST, IT'LL BE DIFFICULT TO MAINTAIN A GOOD RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM.

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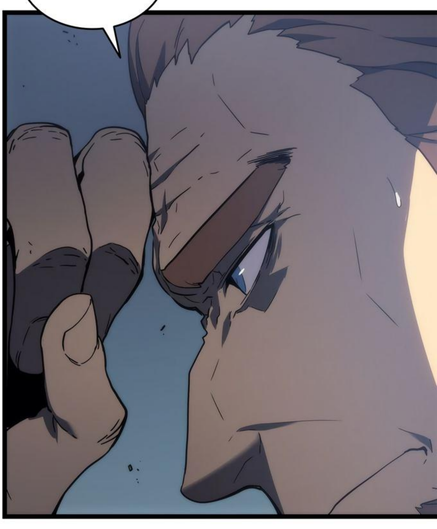
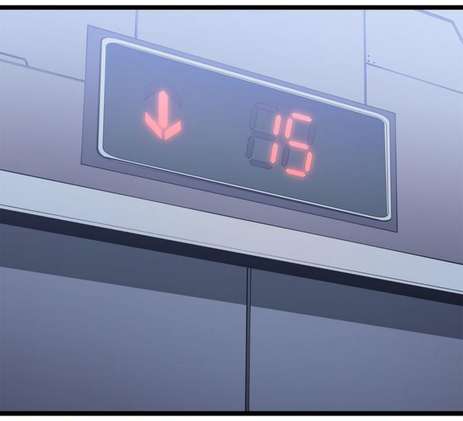


ALL RIGHT.

THEN I WILL PERSONALLY TAKE HIM THERE.
THIS MIGHT BE A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR ME TO SEE WHAT HE'S CAPABLE OF.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I WOULD'VE LIKED TO SIT DOWN AND TALK TO YOU, BUT...
...IT SEEMS THIS IS WHAT YOU WANT.
I CAN'T BELIEVE THEY BUILT THEIR HEADQUARTERS ON TOP OF THE PLACE WHERE KAMISH WAS DEFEATED.

PLEASE FOLLOW ME.

I CAN FEEL MANA IN THE AIR.

IF ITS MANA IS STILL LEFT OVER AFTER EIGHT YEARS, THEN I WONDER HOW STRONG IT WILL BE WHEN I TURN IT INTO A SHADOW SOLDIER...

IT KILLED HUNDREDS OF ELITE HUNTERS...
~~~...
...BEFORE IT WAS DEFEATED BY THE LAST FIVE REMAINING NATIONAL LEVEL HUNTERS. WE HAVE SINCE PRESERVED THE
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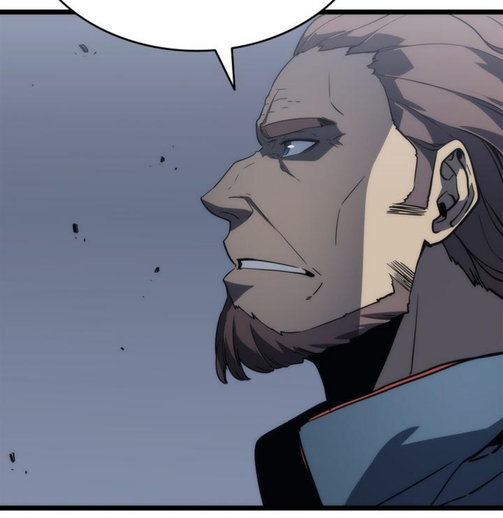
CORPSE IN ITS EXACT POSITION.

IN FACT, ALL OF THE ELECTRICITY USED IN THIS BUILDING IS POWERED BY KAMISH'S ESSENCE STONE.



...ARE YOU SATISFIED NOW, MR. SUNG?

STEP

PLEASE STAND BACK.

ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS, SIR?
IT'S FINE. HE HAS MY PERMISSION.

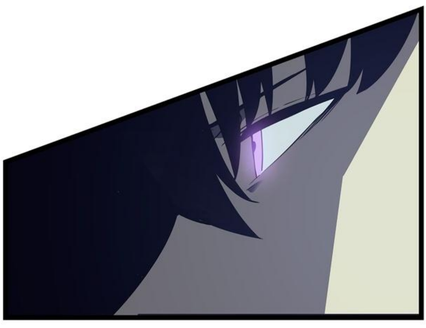
LET'S SEE...

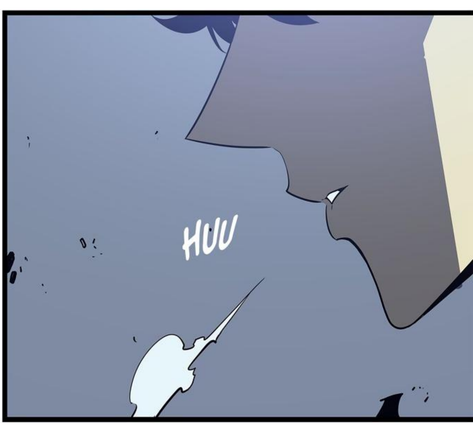
...WHAT
HAPPENS.

SWISH

[YOU HAVE FAILED TO EXTRACT A SHADOW.]

[YOU HAVE TWO CHANCES REMAINING.]

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ARISE.
SWOOSH

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